

The interview kindly granted by the Examiner, Mr. Sellers, on March 16, 1999, is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. It served to materially advance the prosecution of the case by clarifying the issue.

Specifically, the Examiner at said interview stated:

Evidence addressing the claimed mixing temperature range of from 100-150°C over the closest prior art temperature of 65°C in Exs. 1 and 17 of European patent would be considered for those species of flow improvers tested wherein the types and amounts of acrylic A) and flow improver B) are held constant and mixing temperatures of 65°C, 100°C and 150°C are employed.

The Examiner's kind suggestion of how to factually demonstrate unobviousness for the claimed invention has been substantially complied with in the accompanying Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132. As is evident therefrom, by comparison with the European patent using a mixing temperature of 65°C, such temperature, as well as even a higher temperature of 80°C, is unsuitable, it not resulting in clear and homogeneous melts as is obtained by the practice of the claimed invention. Note page 7, lines 20-22, of the specification. The Examples in the Declaration are with the same components, they being kept constant, at various concentrations, the only difference being the temperature at each concentration.

Consequently, it is readily apparent that unobvious and unexpected results are obtained by the claimed invention as compared to the closest prior art, i.e. the European patent. As such, any possible presumption of obviousness conceivably made out by the references clearly stands rebutted.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is requested.

It is submitted that the claims define a patentable invention. Their allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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